

VZCZCXR09356

OO RUEHBZ RUEHGI RUEHJO RUEHMA RUEHMR RUEHPA RUEHRN

DE RUEHAN #0088 0261033

ZNR UUUUU ZZH

O 261033Z JAN 07

FM AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4226

INFO RUEHZO/AFRICAN UNION COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE

RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 0793

RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC

RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC

RUEKDIA/DIA WASHDC

RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC

UNCLAS ANTANANARIVO 000088

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR AF/FO AND AF/E

ADDIS PLEASE PASS TO USAU

PARIS FOR AFRICA WATCHER D'ELIA

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL AU SU CN MA

SUBJECT: AU CHAIRMANSHIP DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO MADAGASCAR
AND THE COMOROS

REF: STATE 8022

¶11. (U) Madagascar: Madagascar's Foreign Minister Marcel Ranjeva had already departed the country when reftel demarche was received. After repeated attempts to reach him abroad, Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) who promised to convey our concerns to the Foreign Minister in Addis Ababa. Due to the recent change in cabinet members of the Government of Madagascar (GOM), the Acting SecGen was the most senior GOM official available. In addition, Ambassador will continue to try to reach Minister Ranjeva personally by telephone throughout the weekend.

¶12. (SBU) Comoros: Pol/Econ Chief delivered talking points to Ambassador Hodhauer Inzouddine, Secretary General of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of the Comoros (GOC) who accepted the message but noted the GOC is preoccupied by the ongoing African Union mission in Comoros to settle the inter-island dispute. He insinuated Comoros would likely follow South Africa's lead, given their neighbor to the south had invested so much in the 2006 Comoros Presidential election.

¶13. (U) Post will report septel if any further substantive information is received.

McGEE